

Dear Colleagues,

Our entomological activities have been temporarily ceased in Van city (East Turkey) due to the very strong earthquake (magn. 7.2) one month ago, on 23 October, 2011.¹ In our last publication², we briefly reported this disaster with the epicenter 16km N of Van city, where exactly we live. Until today, more than 2600 subsequent quakes occurred around Van city, and it is reported that these quakes will continue at least a year. Currently, more than 660 people dead, and 3000 people wounded. More than 10000 buildings heavily destroyed including those of some faculties, laboratories, libraries, office rooms, and guesthouses of our university. Due to the continuous quakes all buildings were abandoned in the city. More than 450000 citizens migrated to other safe and warmer cities. A new disaster for the Van people is the severe winter conditions. At nights the temperature has been already recorded minus 15°C; therefore several children died in the textile tents by cold, or burned by fire.

As to our position, our university temporarily closed. As there is no safe building, all the academicians, like the Van people, abandoned the city. We are still trying to save our collections, and documents, as far as we can. Unfortunately, we have also lost to some degree. As our living place in the Campus under danger of collapse, we temporarily moved to Ankara. I think that these very inconvenient conditions will continue until coming spring. Our new publications will be distributed after receiving the sufficient internet connection, as well as the other basic needs.

Editor

¹ images in google about Van earthquake:

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² <http://www.archive.org/details/CentreForEntomologicalStudiesAnkaraPriamusSupplement25>

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